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BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS  
BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
April 30, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

SILENT REFLECTION AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL:           Chairperson Leonard Giles - Present  
                              Vice Chairperson Vicki Hanlon - Present  
                              Board Member Kathryn Moloughney - Present  
                              Board Member Patricia Skubon - Present

HEALTH INSPECTOR:   Mike Kowal  
SECRETARY:            Mary Ellen Karamus

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS WEBSITE AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

1. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
  - January 15, 2019 Reorganization and Regular meeting - Motion made by Board Member Skubon; Seconded by Ms. Moloughney; all in agreement
2. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
3. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - 2019 Spring Rabies Clinic Schedule
    - Chairman Giles asked if the rabies schedule is posted. The Board Secretary noted it is on the borough website and sign on Highway 71. Mr. Kowal noted that there is a rabies clinic in Spring Lake, which is local. Board Member Moloughney stated that a notice can go out in the school's Heights News and Notices.
    - Chairman Giles asked about the rabies and dog licenses updated mentioned in a Health Officer Report and asked if the dog licensing and paperwork changes mentioned had occurred. Mr. Kowal stated not to his knowledge. Mr. Kowal added that it was pending.
  - 01/03/2019 through 4/11/2019 Activity Report

Chairman Giles asked if there were any questions on the activity reports. Board Member Skubon asked about the groundwater and DEP involvement with the Sunoco site. Mr. Kowal stated that there is a permit for remediation to be done. The state monitors wells; they dig and monitor for chemicals that may leak in a line or tank so a permit is required and then a remediation specialist oversees the remediation project. Chairman Giles asked if every gas station does that. Mr. Kowal stated yes, tests are done on tanks. To

monitor discrepancies that are then monitored.

Board Member Skubon asked about school immunization audits. Mr. Kowal explained the audit process. Ms. Skubon asked how you would know someone has not had required immunizations. Mr. Kowal stated that school nurses usually have cards to review. Mr. Kowal added that there is a religious exemption policy. Vice Chair Hanlon added that there are medical exemptions as well. Mr. Kowal stated that medical exemptions are more stringent than religious exemptions. Ms. Skubon asked about the school district here as far as number of students who have not had their immunizations. Vice Chair Hanlon stated that is confidential. Vice Chair Hanlon added that there is 100% compliance; meaning that there is proper documentation for students who do not receive immunizations and proper documentation for students who have. Mr. Kowal agreed. Chairman Giles asked if there is nonspecific reporting that states percentages that have not been immunized. Mr. Kowal said on the state health form that is filled out by the Commission after their audit, exemptions are separated between religious and medical exemptions. Board Member Moloughney asked about measles. Board Member Moloughney asked if you can still get measles after getting the MMR. Mr. Kowal stated the best way to know is to get a titer done. Mr. Kowal added that if immunizations were given in the 1960s it may not be as protective. Board Member Moloughney asked if a person can die from measles. Mr. Kowal stated no; it should be treated early. Board Member Moloughney asked symptoms. Chairman Giles said it is respiratory. Vice Chair stated a cough. Chairman Giles stated you don't go to the ER; the room is contaminated for as much as 24 hours. Mr. Kowal stated to call your doctor's office before you go and let them know why you are going. Board Member Moloughney stated you don't always know.

Board Member Moloughney asked about 623 Essex Avenue and the food permits. Mr. Kowal stated it is a commissary; there is a licensed kitchen with equipment as required by the state. The owner rents out space to people who have small businesses and need the kitchen space and equipment. Mr. Kowal added it is very sporadic and people who get licenses sometimes do not even use the kitchen; others become very successful.

Board Member Skubon asked about a records search and what a OPRA is. Mr. Kowal explained it is the government records request for when someone wants files from the Commission.

Board Member Skubon stated she heard about a rabid raccoon in Belmar. Mr. Kowal stated there have not been any raccoons he knows of in Spring Lake Heights. Mr. Kowal added that he received a call from Animal Control, Muskrat Mark in town who was concerned about them since they can travel from Belmar, as well as bats or cats. Chairman Giles asked about rabies in fox. Ms. Skubon stated she had seen one recently. Mr. Kowal stated they can be rabid but not as often as other animals. Chairman Giles asked if they were nocturnal. Mr. Kowal stated they can be but are not typically.

- Health Officer Report
  - October 2018 for September 2018
  - November 2018 for October
  - December 2018 for November 2018
  - January 2019 for December 2018
  - February 2019 for January 2019
  - March 2019 for February 2019

Chairman Giles asked if there was anything else on the health officer reports or activity reports.

Chairman Giles stated the Commission is trying to become accredited. Chairman Giles added that Mike Kowal has been the coordinator and the site visit is tomorrow. It has been worked on for the past 3 or 4 years. Chair Giles added there has been a tremendous amount of time and work spent on the accreditation process.

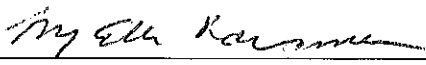
Chairman Giles updated the board regarding Tinton Falls and ongoing odor complaints. Chairman Giles stated there were 90 complaints in a weekend in the form of phone calls and emails. Mr. Kowal stated some complaints are duplicated if the DEP is called as well. Chairman Giles reviewed the procedure once a complaint is made. Mr. Kowal stated the investigation involves many steps, including gaining access to the property, locating the odor, taking samples, and many reports. Vice Chair Hanlon asked if this is recent or has it been ongoing for years. Mr. Kowal stated it has been ongoing since it is a landfill near a residential area with the landfill but has increased in number of complaints. Mr. Kowal added that there are 2 pending lawsuits.

Chairman Giles confirmed the next board meeting date of July 16. Chairman Giles stated the next Commission meeting was the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in May. Chairman Giles added he was elected President. Congratulations were given.

4. NEW BUSINES:
5. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC - Open
6. VOICE OF THE PUBIC – Close

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Board Member Skubon; seconded by Board Member Moloughney at  
6:27 p.m.  
All present in agreement

Respectfully submitted and approved:

 Date: July 16, 2019  
Mary Ellen Karamus  
Board Secretary